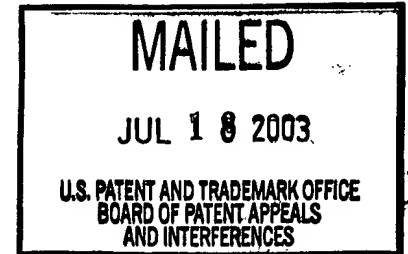


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**BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS
AND INTERFERENCES**

Ex parte LETHA M. HINES et al.

**Appeal No. 1999-2325
Application 08/383,550**



ORDER REMANDING TO EXAMINER

Claim 15, as submitted in the Appendix filed on August 27, 2002 (paper attached to Paper No. 31), does not agree with claim 15 of record. It appears that applicants have improperly incorporated subject matter in claim 15 that was never entered into the record. See page 6 of the Final Rejection entered on March 28, 1996 (Paper No. 12).

Additionally, although the examiner did not inform applicants about the status of Amendment F filed on January 13, 1997 (Paper No. 19), Amendment F has now been physically entered into the record.

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Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the application is remanded to the examiner for obtaining from applicants a corrected Appendix, and for such further action as may be deemed appropriate.

It is important that the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences be informed promptly of any action affecting the status of the appeal (i.e., abandonment, issue, reopening prosecution).

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